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Jean-Pierre Catry
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Dear Jean-Pierre,

Thanks so much for your lists. I was in Indonesia in December and talked with Martinho Rodrigues Pereira (please don't use his name publicly in any way). His younger brother had taken part in the October 12 demonstration and he fled to Jakarta because he though he might be arrested (he had been in Cipinang until 1987 and all the former prisoners are the most likely to be rearrested.)

He said a number of the prisoners who had been arrested at the time of the Suharto visit in 1988 were re-arrested in May-June, briefly detained, and re-arrested again just before the Pope's visit. Among those arrested a day or so before the visit were Victor da Costa, 35; Ali Alkatiri, 42; Filomeno Paixao, 38; Hermengildo Conceicao, 34; and Jose Manuel.

We know Jose Manuel was still in prison as of early December; the others had been released.

Also, a number of those released from Cipinang last August 17 were held for several weeks in the Kolmera Military Prison before being allowed to return home, because Martinho visited them there in September. The people he saw there included Miguel da Costa, Antonio Eduardo, Antonio Ramos, Fernando Pinto, Jose Simaoes, and Fernando da Costa.

Martinho is staying with a Christian prison visiting organization called the New Life Foundation (Yayasan Hidup Baru).

If you'd like to write to him to get further information, here's how to do it. Don't send any mail from Portugal, but Luisa could mail something from Geneva. In the outside envelope, address it to John

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McGLynn, Jalan Danau Maninjau 93, Pejompangan, Jakarta. He's an American writer and translator. Inside, attached to the letter for Martinho, should be a note to John asking if he could deliver the letter to Yopi Lasut, Jalan Bacang III/No.4, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta 12130, Indonesia. Yopi runs the New Life organization. His phone number is 770710.

We're coming out with a report on Indonesia and East Timor in the next few weeks; I'll send you a copy when it's done.

Warm regards to you, Ana and Luisa,

Sidney

Sidney Jones
Executive Director